

**2.11: Display of Sporting, Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Licenses**

(1) Definitions:

- a. Online System means the online licensing and game harvest reporting system of the Department of Fish and Game and Division of Fisheries and Wildlife accessible via the Department's and the Division's website that allows for automated licensing and game harvest reporting, including issuance of applicable official seals or tags via the internet in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131 § 12. The purchase online of a license, official seal, tag or other applicable required permit to hunt, fish or trap for inland fish and wildlife species requires an electronic signature made after an online affirmation under the pains and penalties of perjury by the applicant that the information provided is true and accurate and that the applicant shall comply with all applicable hunting, fishing and trapping rules and regulations. Such affirmation shall be the signature of the applicant for purposes of obtaining a license, stamps, tags or official seals.
- b. Mobile Device means any electronic device that can be carried on one's person, such as a smart phone, which is -capable of displaying a true, complete and legible image of a current and valid hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by the Division accessing the internet inside or outside of a building while being carried on one's person.

(2) Each person, except those lawfully hunting, fishing or trapping without a license under provisions of M.G.L. c. 131, § 13, shall while hunting, fishing, or trapping possess on their person a current and valid license ~~so to do so~~ and such license shall be signed on the face thereof by the person to whom issued or electronically signed when such license is purchased through the Online System. Persons may show that they possess a current and valid license on their person by displaying a true, complete and legible image of it on their mobile device.

(3) Each person hunting waterfowl, except certain persons aged 12 through 14 as provided in 321 CMR 3.02(2), Table 1E, shall possess on their person a Massachusetts waterfowl stamp as provided in M.G.L. c. 131, § 13 and 321 CMR 3.02(2)(e)8. Such persons shall sign their license as provided in 321 CMR 2.11(+2) and such signature shall constitute compliance with the requirement specified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 13, paragraph 3. The license documenting the issuance of S~~such stamp or the form on which the stamp is imprinted~~ shall be carried on the person at all times while exercising the authority granted thereby. Persons may show that they possess on their person the license documenting the issuance of the stamp by displaying a true, complete and legible image of it on their mobile device.

or:

— Each person hunting deer during the exclusive archery season or the exclusive primitive firearms season, or during any other season during which an archery stamp or a primitive firearms stamp may be required by law, shall possess on their person a Massachusetts archery stamp or primitive firearms stamp, as the case may be, as provided in M.G.L. c. 131, § 13. Such person shall sign their license, or the form on which the stamp is imprinted, as the case may be, as provided in 321 CMR 2.11(~~4~~2) and such signature shall constitute compliance with the requirement specified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 13, paragraph 2. The license documenting the issuance of sSuch stamp or stamps or the form(s) on which such are imprinted shall be carried on the person at all times while exercising the authority granted thereby. Persons may show that they possess on their person the license documenting the issuance of the stamp by displaying a true, complete and legible image of it on their mobile device.~~or;~~

(4)

— When engaged in the act of hunting deer, wild turkey or black bear, a paper copy of the applicable license or permit with associated tags shall be carried on the person in accordance with the requirements of 321 CMR 3.02(1)(f), 3.02(4)(h) and 3.02(9)(g). No person shall detach or remove from their license or permit, as the case may be, their deer, wild turkey, or black bear tag or tags, except as provided in 321 CMR 3.02(1)(f), 3.02(4)(h), and 3.02(9)(g). Any such tags detached or removed except as provided therein shall be void and shall be surrendered on demand to any officer empowered to enforce the provisions of M.G.L. c. 131. ~~Any such permits shall be carried on the person at all times while exercising the authority thereof. Persons may show that they possess a permit on their person by displaying a true, complete and legible image of it on their mobile device, except that~~

~~: All such permits, when constituting a separate document from the license, shall be additionally be signed thereon in ink by the person to whom issued.~~

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(2) For the purposes of M.G.L. c. 131, § 13 and 321 CMR 2.11, any adhesive Massachusetts waterfowl, archery, or primitive firearms stamps shall be signed across the face in ink by the person to whom issued, and shall be carried on the person at all times while exercising the authority thereof. Any such adhesive archery or primitive firearms stamps shall be adhered to the rear of the holder's hunting or sporting license. No stamps or other items shall be carried or placed so as to obscure the face of the bearer's hunting, sporting, fishing, or trapping license.

All persons hunting, fishing, or trapping pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131 shall produce for examination upon demand of any officer or other person specified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 32 any licenses, permits, stamps, or certificates issued to them. Persons may produce any such license or permit, including those that document the issuance of a stamp or certificate, by displaying a true, complete and legible image of it on their mobile device.  
— or;

- (6) All persons hunting, fishing, or trapping pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131 shall produce for examination upon demand of any officer or other person specified in M.G.L. c. 131, § 32 any licenses, permits, stamps, or certificates issued to them. Persons may produce any such license or permit, including those that document the issuance of a stamp or certificate, by displaying a true, complete and legible image of it on their mobile device.